

EXPANDABLE, NO-SHRINK SHIRT COLLAR

Abstract of the Disclosure

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5 A shirt collar in which the material forming at least the neckband, but alternatively both
the neckband and the collar, is made of a stretchable material that yields in a circumferential
10 direction when a circumferential tensile force is applied thereto, and which shrinks only
negligibly in a circumferential direction in the event of shrinkage of the neckband. In a preferred
embodiment, the neckband is made of a woven fabric comprised of warp and weft threads, with at
least some of the threads arranged on a bias so that in the event the length of the threads shrinks
there is only a negligible reduction in the circumferential size of the collar, and the collar is
15 stretchable in a direction parallel to the circumferential direction. In another form of the
invention, the neckband is made of a non-elastomeric material that has a plurality of holes in it
which elongate when a tensile force is applied circumferentially to the neckband, resulting in
elongation of the neckband. The stitching that forms the seams attaching the collar to the
neckband, and the neckband to the body of the shirt, may be applied in a pattern, e.g., zig-zag or
skip stitching, that enables the seams to stretch in the circumferential direction of the collar.